

REMARKS

By this Amendment, the Abstract is merely revised and presented in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R and claims 19 and 24 are amended to overcome the noted objections and claims 24-30 have been amended to merely clarify the recited subject matter. Claims 1, 3-12, 14, 18-19, 21 and 23-30 are pending with claims 5, 8-9, 12, 21, 25-26 and 30 deemed allowable.

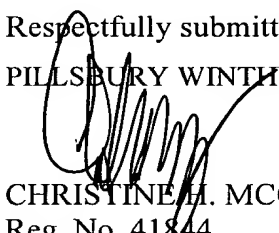
Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-7, 14, 18 and 28-29 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over copending Application No. 11/149,180 in view of Freeberg (U.S. 5,987,018) and claims 10, 11, 23, 27 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over copending Application No. 11/149,180. Applicant submits the attached Terminal Disclaimer, which disclaims any term period extending beyond that of co-owned Application No. 11/149,180. Accordingly, the obviousness type double patenting rejections are traversed.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, Applicants request issuance of a Notice of Allowance indicating the allowability of all pending claims. However, if anything is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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